



# CITY OF SANTEE

## Industrial & Commercial Activities

### WHAT IS STORM WATER?

Storm water is the untreated, contaminated water that flows over streets, parking lots, and other surfaces picking up pollutants along the way.



### WHERE DOES IT GO?

The storm drain system is separate from the sewer system. All the water that enters these drains ends up in our creeks, rivers, and ultimately the Pacific Ocean completely untreated!

### WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?

The San Diego river flows right through Santee on its way to the Pacific Ocean. It is home to many species, and provides recreation for us. Both industrial and commercial activities contribute to surface water pollution. Any pollutant no matter how small can have a big impact downstream.



### HOW CAN I PREVENT POLLUTION?

Implement Best Management Practices (BMP's) which are practical and cost effective practices for day to day business operations which reduce, control, or prevent water pollution.

#### Good Housekeeping BMP's

1. Keep outdoor areas clean using dry methods (sweeping)
2. Train employees on all required BMPs and document training
3. Implement spill cleanup plan
4. Promptly clean and properly dispose of any spills
5. Adjust sprinklers and sprays to eliminate irrigation runoff

#### Materials Handling BMP's

1. Keep materials indoors where feasible
2. Cover and contain any outdoor storage areas and work areas
3. Properly label all materials
4. Prevent spills

#### Equipment Maintenance BMP's

1. Perform work indoors where feasible
2. All work areas must be fully covered and contained
3. Routinely inspect and make repairs to prevent leaks
4. Capture and contain all leaks, spills, and/or wash water for proper disposal